

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

**SUNCOAST POST-TENSION, LTD.**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**PETER SCOPPA, SANDEEP N. PATEL,  
THE STERLING ENGINEERING  
GROUP OF COMPANIES, PT USA,  
AND OTHERS UNKNOWN,**

**Defendants.**

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**CASE NO. 4:13-cv-03125**

**Judge: Hon. Vanessa D. Gilmore**

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**SUGGESTION OF BANKRUPTCY AND NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC STAY**

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Defendants Sandeep N. Patel (“Patel”), The Sterling Engineering Group of Companies (“Sterling”), Peter Scoppa (“Scoppa”), and PTUSA file this suggestion of bankruptcy filing and notice of automatic stay and show as follows:

On March 24, 2016 Defendant Sterling filed a voluntary petition for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Case No. 16-31442. A copy of the petition is attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

Pursuant to the United States Bankruptcy Code, the commencement of the above-described bankruptcy triggered an automatic stay that precludes further prosecution of this action until further notice. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 362(a).

For the above reasons the Defendants pray that the Court and parties take notice of such bankruptcy filing and acknowledge the prohibitions of the automatic stay until further appropriate bankruptcy court orders.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on March 25, 2016, the foregoing pleading was filed with the clerk of the court for the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, using the electronic case filing system of the court. The electronic case filing system sent a "Notice of Electronic Filing" to all attorneys of record who have consented in writing to accept this Notice as service of documents by electronic means.

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